



**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Agenda Item #:** IV. N.

**From:** Bill Neuendorf  
Economic Development Manager

**Action** ☒

**Discussion** ☐

**Date:** November 18, 2014

**Information** ☐

**Subject:** Resolution No. 2014-146, Supporting a Metro Transit CMAQ Application

## **Action Requested:**

Adopt Resolution.

## **Information / Background:**

The 2012 Grandview Development Framework envisions a mixed-use park-and-ride facility in the Grandview district. The district is currently served by Metro Transit routes 46, 146, 568 and 587. There is an informal “hide-and-ride” where 50-90 commuters each week day park in various areas and commute to downtown Minneapolis. Metro Transit anticipates that additional transit usage is likely if transit riders had a safer and more reliable pick-up and drop-off location.

The concept study for the 3.3 acre former Public Works site (pages 19-21 of the Framework) includes three key elements that could potentially work together and be accommodated on the site:

- 50,000 square foot community building with outdoor public plaza
- Private building, possibly apartments or other market-driven user
- 200 parking stalls for general public
- 158 parking stalls for private building
- 200 parking stalls for park-and-ride commuters

While transportation improvements are vital for this district, the Framework vision for the City-owned site differs radically from a typical park-and-ride facility. The Framework envisions an innovative mixed-use facility that enhances the level of transit service in Edina and allows parking stalls to be used for multiple purposes depending on the time of day and day of week. This “joint use” approach strives to maximum the use of facilities that can be very expensive to build, maintain and operate.

City staff has been working with Metro Transit to advance this multi-modal goal for the past year. Based on the current direction for the redevelopment of the site, Metro Transit intends to submit a funding request to the Metropolitan Council on December 1<sup>st</sup> to provide partial funding for the shared parking facility.

Funding will be requested through the Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. This federal transportation program funds 80% of project costs with the remainder being split by Metro Transit and City of Edina. The grant application anticipates that the project will be constructed in 2016 or 2017, with reimbursement coming when funds are available in 2018.

This application is being submitted to coincide with the City's collaborative development planning process for the vacant site. While an integral key to reinvestment in this area, the public transit facility is not intended to serve as the 'public' component mandated by City Council for this City-owned property.

It is anticipated that at least one of the development scenarios prepared by Frauenshuh will include the park-and-ride facility. One or more of the development scenarios will reflect other conditions in case CMAQ funding is not available for the enhanced transit service.

Staff recommends approval of this Resolution as it helps to achieve the broad-based transportation and development goals of the Grandview District.

**Attachments:**

Resolution No. 2014-146

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-146**  
**SUPPORTING A METRO TRANSIT CMAQ APPLICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Edina, Minnesota, as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Edina approved the 2012 Development Framework to guide future development within the Grandview District; and

WHEREAS, the Development Framework recognizes the need to improve transportation connections to and through the District; and

WHEREAS, the Development Framework further anticipates the development of a mixed-use project on the vacant site of the former Public Works facility at 5146 Eden Avenue that potentially includes a private use, a public use and commuter parking; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edina has entered into a Collaborative Development Planning Agreement with Frauenshuh, Inc. to explore and refine the design for this site; and

WHEREAS, Metro Transit and the City of Edina are working cooperatively to develop a park and ride facility with transit station and driver facilities as part of the broad redevelopment of the Grandview District; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the park and ride facility and transit station will create a highly accessible facility that will help reduce traffic congestion and air pollution not only for the City of Edina but also for the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Metro Transit Express Route 587 services this area and the current and future passengers parking, boarding and alighting in the Grandview District do not have a facility to provide safe and convenient access to transit; and

WHEREAS, On December 1, 2014 Metro Transit intends to submit a Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Application for funds from the 2014 Regional Solicitation administered by the Metropolitan Council to advance the shared goals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Edina endorses the application submittal to the Metropolitan Council for Federal funding of a 150 stall park and ride facility with a transit station and driver facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Edina agrees to financially participate with Metro Transit in the 20% local match at such time that the grant is awarded subject to agreement on the project details.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Manager are hereby authorized to execute such documents as are necessary to implement the grant funding for the project.

Adopted by the Edina City Council this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

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James B. Hovland, Mayor

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN ) SS  
CITY OF EDINA )

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned duly appointed and acting City Clerk for the City of Edina do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing City Council Minutes is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Edina City Council at its regular meeting of November 18, 2014, and as recorded in the Minutes of said regular meeting.

WITNESS, my hand and seal of said City this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk